



## BSCA

Bellevue Sister Cities Association  
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## BSCA

*Your Key to the World*



*"Tom Kennedy and Frank Matthews learn  
Hualien culinary arts on tour."*

BSCA Sponsored Official Delegation Tour to  
Hualien, Taiwan, and Yao, Japan.  
November 6—15, 2003

*"Citizen Diplomats serving their community."*

**Learn about  
US...**

*Building relationships that enrich our community life and contribute to international peace and understanding.*

*"These sister-city programs provide a stable base of grass-roots friendship and understanding in an often turbulent world. The non-governmental, non-profit Bellevue Sister Cities Association (BSCA) mobilizes Eastside citizen volunteers to join in promoting ties with our several sister cities."*

– Hugh Burleson, President, BSCA



The Bellevue Sister Cities Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the underlying principle that the world's peace and progress can be assured by people committing themselves to friendship and to international cooperation and understanding. President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the Sister Cities International program in 1956. Since then, the program has spawned thousands of productive relationships, including linking Bellevue to four unique and vibrant sister cities.

**Why Join?**

- Develop a better understanding of other cultures through relationships with people who live in our sister cities;
- Experience travel opportunities through sister city relationships (you get the red-carpet treatment when you travel to a sister city);
- Assist Eastern European communities in their move toward democratic form of governments;
- Opportunity to open your home to foreign guests when they visit the United States;
- Involvement in unique public-private partnerships between nations;
- Learn firsthand about the global economy;
- Get to know individuals that have immigrated here;
- Interact with local government officials; and
- Represent the United States of America as a goodwill ambassador.

**Enroll Now**

**BSCA Membership Application**

☐ Individual: \$30 annual    ☐ Family: \$50 annual    ☐ Business: \$50 annual

List Members of Family or Business Unit:

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (Home and Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment

☐ Check

☐ Money Order

☐ Cash



Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## Join the Fun

- Meet Eastside residents also interested in travel and in learning about other cultures.
- Establish friendships with people who live in Japan, Taiwan, Latvia, and the Czech Republic.
- Travel on official delegations to sister city countries with other local residents and City officials, receive "red carpet" treatment.
- Enjoy social gatherings, featuring foods, art and music from our sister cities.
- Act as a guide or host when our foreign guests visit Bellevue.
- Work with local government officials (City staff and City Council members) on sister city projects.
- Participate in activities and causes which change people's lives. These include the student exchange program, humanitarian projects, educational programs and civic projects.
- Attend periodic meetings and become involved. General Membership Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each alternating month at 7:30 p.m. in the Bellevue City Hall.

*"Sister Cities International is the largest citizen diplomacy network in the world. There are 1,200 U. S. towns, cities, and states linked with 2,100 partners in 125 countries. BSCA has been a member of this national organization since its inception."*

Patricia Hale, BSCA  
Washington State Coordinator  
for Sister Cities International

## Help Friends



## What have we done...

- Subsidized travel to sister cities for students to travel abroad;
- Undertook humanitarian projects, such as shipping medical supplies and educational materials to Latvia;
- Took part in community projects;
- Helped educate local residents about Bellevue's sister cities;
- Provided support services for Bellevue's staff exchanges with its sister cities;
- Sponsored visits by individuals and delegations to our sister cities, including City Council members;
- Held social events and education meetings of members and others from Eastside communities.





### Yao

A business and industrial center of 280,000 people, located in east Osaka and known as the City of Peace.



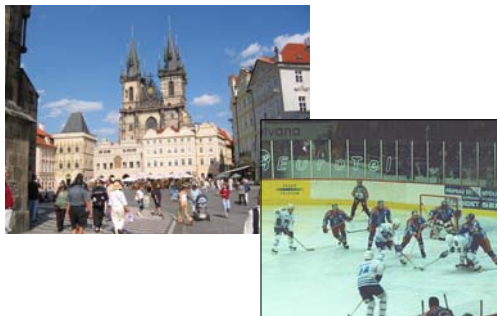
### Hualien

Population of 107,000. The largest city on Taiwan's east coast, and an exporter of computer chips and marble to the world.



### Liepaja

A cultural center with 91,000 residents, Liepaja features town buildings rich in history and the arts and an ice-free Baltic seaport.



### Kladno

The "City of Coal and Iron" has a population of 80,000. Located 20 miles from the capital, Prague. Boasts historical surroundings.

## Make Friends

Our 4 Sister Cities are:

- **YAO, Japan (1969)**



- **HUALIEN, Taiwan (1984)**



- **LIEPAJA, Latvia (1992)**

- **KLADNO, Czech Republic (1993)**

